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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2005 in the above-identified patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.